

Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges
Survey Concerning Higher Education Regulations by State
Independent College Associations' Data

State	Are Independent Colleges Regulated by a Board of Higher Education/Education?	Does this Board have Responsibility for Approving New Programs for Independent Colleges?	Does this Board have Responsibility for Approving Modifications of Existing Programs?	Does this Board look at Program Quality and Whether Implementing Program Causes Unnecessary Duplication?	If there is no such Approving Authority, Must your Institutions Submit Program Information to any State Agency on an Informational Basis Only?
Alabama	No	No	No	No	No
Arkansas	No	No	Yes	No	No
California	No	No	No	No	No
Colorado	No	No	No	No	No
Florida	No	Review only, not approval	No	No	Yes-Due to SACS requirement, nto state
Georgia	No	No	No	No- Board insures members maintain regional accreditation only.	No
Iowa	No, Voluntary Coordinating Brd. Iowa Council for Postsecondary Education)	No	No	No	No
Illinois	Yes	Yes	No - once a program is approved it applies to entire geographic area not solely to institution's address.	No	
Indiana	No	No	No	No	No
Kansas	No	No	No	No	No
Kentucky	Yes	Yes, Technically has program approval authority; Practically, they only require campuses to report their intention to begin a new program.	No, Independents are expected to report their intent to modify an existing program.	No	Yes
Louisiana	No	No	No	No	Yes, for teacher ed the Board of Education has statutory program approval.
Maine	No	No	No	No	No
Maryland	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Massachusetts	Yes, one-third are regulated	Yes, licensure	Yes, depends on extent	No	No

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Michigan	No	No	No	No	Charter approval & reimbursement authorization for independent colleges awarding certain degrees.
Mississippi	NO	No	No	No	No
Missouri	No	No	No	No	Yes
Nebraska	No	No	No	No	No
New Jersey	licensed by the NJ Commission on Higher Education. The NJCHE replaced the NJ DHE in 1994.	yes, but limited (shared) - programs are approved by NJCHE before forwarded to NJCHE for final approval. There are 6 institutions, all independent, which are charter institutions, which means that they are exempt from the program approval process.	same as prior	there are clear guidelines. "unnecessary duplication is one. Program approval process manual is attached.	it is voluntary for the charter members
North Carolina	No	No	No	No	No
Ohio	Yes	Yes	Yes depends on extent	Quality Only	
Oklahoma	No	No	No	No	No
Oregon	No, but Oregon Office of Degree Authorization (ODA) authorizes and monitors (on a routine 2-yr. Schedule, using a clear set of state standards) all out-of-st, all proprietary and all non-regionally accredited institutions.	No, only for institutions in previous column.	No, only for institutions in previous column.	No, all publically-funded institutions must submit new program proposals to all non-public institutions for comment and possible challenge if adverse impact is anticipated. ODA oversees elaborate arbitratin and resolution procedures for such scenarios	No
South Carolina	No	No	No	No	No If there is no such Approving Authority,

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Tennessee	No	No	No		No
Texas	No	No	No	No	No
Wisconsin	No	No	No	No	No
Washington	No	No	No	No	No
West Virginia	No	No	No	No	No